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1. WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A FEW COMMENTS ON BONN' S
4048.

2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY INFORMATION FROM TICKELL
ABOUT HIS TALK WITH ROTH, WE DO NOT THINK ROTH WOULD
HAVE HAD MUCH DIFFICULTY IN PERSUADING TICKELL OF THE
VIRTUES OF WORKING TOWARD THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
CONCLUSION OF THE INITIAL TALKS. TICKELL HAS ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS TOLD US THAT HE PLACES HIGHEST PRIORITY ON
THE CAREFUL PREPARATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ALLIED POSITIONS
FOR NEGOTIATIONS. TO DO THIS, TICKELL THINKS THAT NATO
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WILL NEED FAIRLY LONG PERIOD OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS.

3. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION TOO THAT BRITISH DO NOT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO INDEFINITE STALEMATE IN VIENNA ON HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION QUESTION. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED, COMPETENT BRITISH AT ALL LEVELS IN FCO AND MOD ARE FULLY ALIVE TO POLITICAL IMPERATIVES OF ASSISTING THE USG TO DAMPEN DOMESTIC PRESSURES FOR UNILATERAL FORCE REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE. DESPITE OCCASIONAL LOOSE TALK INDICATING IMPATIENCE WITH MBFR EXERCISE, BRITISH RECOGNIZE THAT MBFR MUST BE AN ALLIANCE EFFORT; FOR THE EUROPEANS TO OPT OUT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ALLIANCE.

4. FINALLY, IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT REDUCE THEIR OWN FORCES. THEIR PREFERRED SOLUTION, WHICH HAS BECOME DOGMA HERE, IS US- SOVIET REDUCTIONS ONLY - MULTILATERALLY ARRIVED AT. AT HEART OF BRITISH VIEW IS THEIR LONGER RANGE OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING GREATER COHERENCE IN WESTERN EUROPEAN EFFORTS. REDUCTIONS OF INDIGENOUS FORCES WOULD OBVIOUSLY UNDERCUT THIS LONG TERM BRITISH GOAL.

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